

Town of Castine
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Roberta J Boczkievicz
(Zoom)



GM

DATE: Monday, November 6, 2023

TIME: 4:00PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Gordon MacArthur, Acting-Chair, Roberta Boczkievicz, Selectboard member (Colin Powell, ZOOM); Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager (ZOOM); Karen Motycka, Finance Officer and Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC: Bob Friedlander, Don Tenney, Ruth Ann & Bobby Vagt, Peg & Mac Patterson, Hank DeRaaf, Jeff Ackerman, Bill Corbett, Scott Vogell, Susan Hazlett, Charlie Pearce, Ina Schonberg and David Avery of the Castine Patriot.

Zoom: Bruce Boczkievicz, Liz Parish, Mary Kneisel and Brooke Tenney.

Gordon MacArthur opened the Public Hearing at 4:00PM and introduced the topic of discussion: 1) Discussions regarding amendments to the Castine Traffic Ordinance.

The following are the two items for discussion:

1. Additional 15-minute parking space in front of the Post Office on Main Street (requested by Postmaster Douglas Terry)
2. Authorizing the Postmaster and his/her designates to write parking tickets to violations in front of the Post Office on behalf of the Town of Castine

Discussion.

The additional space would be located on the Post Office side of the street below the crosswalk/lamp post. A total of five (5) 15-minute spaces (three (3) on the Post Office side; two (2) across the street). Gordon MacArthur reported that the Post Office has been experiencing tremendous difficulties accommodating mail truck deliveries safely for mail drop off and pickup. David Avery asked if the no parking & 15-minute times were going to be the same and posted. The times will change to: 6AM – 8AM and 4PM – 5PM in the loading zone any day the Post Office is open, as posted; 15-minute spaces are in effect when the Post Office is open. David Avery also asked if the Post Office employees were the only ones outside of Town employees who would have authority to write tickets. Karen Motycka answered that Maine Maritime Academy Safety Dept has authority for patrolling Pleasant Street near MMA campus.

With no other discussion, Gordon closed the Public Hearing and opened the regular Selectboard Mtg at 4:05 PM. Public Hearing minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.